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PLANT PROTECTION DIVISION PEST PROGRAM

JAPANESE BEETLE BLAST #21.03 – JULY 28, 2021

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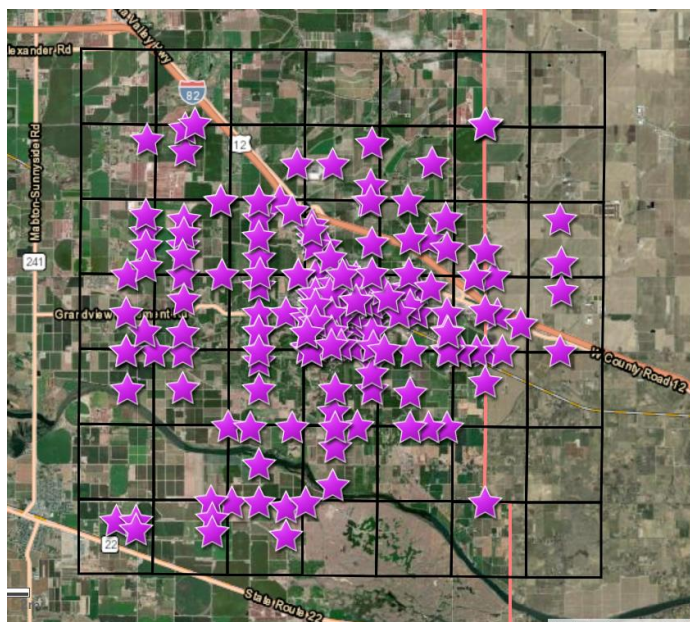
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NEW DETECTIONS

Washington State Department of Agriculture is intensively trapping for Japanese beetle in the Sunnyside and Grandview area. A trapping response grid of 49 square miles has been established over Grandview and will consist of over 400 beetle traps. In addition to those traps, plant services is also placing traps in and around licensed nurseries.

On July 14 traps were being serviced on the east side of the grid in Benton County. These traps detected Japanese beetle, this is the first positive detection for Benton County.

The map pictured shows current trap locations that have had Japanese beetle in them during the 2021 trapping season.



YAKIMA VALLEY FAIR AND RODEO AUGUST 11 - 14

Washington State Department of Agriculture will be present at the Yakima Valley Fair and Rodeo in Grandview from August 11 – 14. Representatives have a booth space in the horticulture area, and will be available to answer questions about Japanese beetles and the program.

JAPANESE BEETLE DROP OFF LOCATION

Residents can also trap for Japanese beetles. There are several commercial traps available for purchase at your local farm and garden stores. Traps may vary, so follow the instructions on the trap.

If you happen to trap or capture any Japanese beetle, you may drop the specimens off in a cooler at Blehyl Co-op, 940 E Wine Country Road in Grandview. The cooler is located right inside the entrance of the store on the left hand side. Please write your address on your collection.

If any Japanese beetles are caught in a trap, they should be reported to WSDA as well. Be sure to include a photo with your report.



LIFE CYCLE UPDATE



grass roots below the surface in the fall season.

You might see adult beetles at this time of year. Throughout the summer they will damage plants by skeletonizing the foliage. Adults also feed on buds, flowers, and fruits of plants. As they eat during the summer they will reproduce by going underground to lay eggs, and then resurface to continue consumption.

Those eggs will then hatch and turn into larvae. The larvae will then begin to feed on plant and

HOMEOWNER CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS

Residents can self-treat their properties for Japanese beetle. The type of treatment depends on the time of year due to the pest's lifecycle. Washington State University Extension has provided a [list of treatment options](#). The publication is [also available in Spanish](#).

REPORT JAPANESE BEETLE SIGHTINGS

WSDA needs residents and industry partners to help determine the spread of Japanese beetle. It's the perfect time of year to go outside and look for adult beetles. You might see them in the lawn, on trees and shrubs, in plants and on flowers.

You can help by reporting potential sightings of both adult beetles and young grubs online, via email, or over the phone.

- agr.wa.gov/beetles
- PestProgram@agr.wa.gov
- 1-800-443-6684

The online reporting form is also available in Spanish. At the top of the form click “English” to show a drop down option to pick Español.

STAY CONNECTED

WSDA is dedicated to working with the public to provide information on Japanese beetle.

HOMEOWNER WEBINAR

WSDA and WSU held a webinar informing homeowners about Japanese beetle. This video is available to [watch on YouTube](#).

JAPANESE BEETLE PHOTOS

WSDA has taken pictures of the pest around the Grandview area, to view images please visit [flicker.com/wsdagov](https://www.flickr.com/photos/wsdagov/).

View the [Pest Alert](#) for Japanese beetle.

- Join the [Japanese beetle Facebook group](#).
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